Dear Js,

5/21/73

Reur 16, here this a.m. I'll phone Post in 20 minutes and see if I can subscribe for you. Then I'll know when it will begin and will suspend second copy here. Until then nobody in newroom, which I can call free. I'll ask them to transfer me.

Howard's ability to supply Times without xeroxing ended until he goes back to his summer job with the issue of the 11th. Don't now copy everything. If you recall anything I should have, from what you remember of what the Post has, thanks, but not if great amount of work. I have the same interest in new fact, but it is not essential for the planned book. (Started a chapter The Law for Laymenx this a.m., prior to taking Lil to work. I think it will be short but necessary at some early point for the average reader, in not editor.)

I should have De Diego NYT 5/11, but don't remember. I have no file on him separately. Checked and have it in one of the day's I've not yet broken down.

McCord book: Lesar says no interest in it. I'd have supposed that the man who took him to Bud, Prouty, would do a book, esp. because he is anti-CIA, but maybe that makes a conflict with McC. If I use Malice as chapter title, I'll credit to McC. It is surprizing he so regards what he conceived as patriotic dedication, if he does. He'll require ghost, but he'll have nothing to sell. All public domain.

Avoidéd Fascism Aborted because that is by no means clear. The boil did burst in time, indeed, but there remain the old infections and what will linger from this. Thus I went to double entendre of floodgate, which works either way.

There is an advantage in your getting Pist and Times about together. You'll then know better what either has that the other doesn't. Example: I think I sent you Cheshire bit you got from NYT which got from Reuters, on McCord's memoirs.

In looking for the DeDiego clip, I noticed that of the 8th or 9th on Nixon and Diem assassination. I remember the Times gave all but the reasonable explanation, the truly Orwellian, that Hunt's forgery was to give a basis for Nixon's gaffe blaming JFK. This is another Dallas link. I have something like what your Montclarion had in mind, with much, how much can't be sure, on Cubans, esp. Dept. Disinformation work, and all by Hunt-ers. With each one I start a Dallas Parallels file.

McCord's memo: I had not read yet. Thanks for marking that part. He seems not to have gone into this before Committee. Maybe being saved for Hunt? Glad Hunt's testimony not likely this week (Thompson on Today today) because I have to be away Thursday. Hope that does not mean I'll miss Barker. If you tape Thursday, I may be interested in borrowing. I'll miss the beginning of Wednesday. Wish I could afford time-clock setup. With 7" Wollensack that cuts off at end reel (and is never used) I could thus get at least 6 hrs. when I'm not here. But that is uncommon and not worth cost.

In her extremes, Mae sometimes slips past what she was sharp enough to see but too paranoid to understand. Her show may be interesting.

Major problem now, next to time, is retrieval because my filing was not designed for this use. I'll have the laborious job of going over chronological files to get the dates of GL's and Ziegler's pronouncements, which I think should be encapsulated in order of their improvisation. And going over all the financial stuff in the light of the foundation's report, clip on which I've sent. (By the way, I've several clips from Chipapers on McCord's equipment I've not copied, initially because of shortage paper-and it is not yet here.) Not essential. And Creeps haven't paid for yet, either. From the good basic understanding you have of what I plan, if you have any specific suggestions for inclusions or treatments and exclusions as unnecessary, would welcome.

Long talk with one-shotting Kessler, who is going to Chicago. I gave him names.

Your 3-months mail sub begins with tomorrow's issue, 5/22

Woodward in Bernstein, from whom no pieces several days, not in office today. Vacation- or work on their book?

Best,